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SUBJECT: SANITATION PROBLEM AT MEXICALI

REF: STATE 155771

1. AMBASSADOR MARGAIN JULY 3 INFORMED ARA/MEX COUNTRY DIRECTOR THAT, AFTER MEETING REPORTED REFTEL HE HAD SPOKEN WITH SECRETARY OF BUDGET AND PLANNING GARCIA SAENZ, WHO SAID THAT PROBLEM RESULTED FROM TOO MANY STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL AGENCIES BEING INVOLVED, AND THAT AGRICULTURE AND HYDRAULIC RESOURCES NOW HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY. AMBASSADOR UNDERSTANDS THAT SECRETARIAT WILL NOW TAKE REMEDIAL MEASURES AND HE WILL KEEP US INFORMED OF PROGRESS. MEXICAN COMMISSIONER JULY 5 INDICATED SAME UNDERSTANDING, WITH NO INFORMATION RE DATES FOR BEGINNING OR COMPLETION OF REQUIRED WORK.

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2. SHORTLY AFTER SAME MEETING MEXICAN SECTION IBWC INFORMED FRIEDKIN MEXICAN CONTRACTOR FOR TIJUANA WATER AQUEDUCT HAD BEEN ASKED TO INSPECT MEXICALI PROBLEM PROBABLY TO DETERMINE MEASURES REQUIRED FOR CORRECTION. LOCAL MEXICAN PRESS CARRIES REPORT THAT BAJA CALIFORNIA AND MEXICAN FEDERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE PRACTICALLY AGREED ON

ARRANGEMENTS FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ASSUME

RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MEXICALI
SANITATION SYSTEM. THIS IS BELIEVED DESIRABLE.

3. IN VIEW OF APPARENT GOM PROGRESS ON MEXICALI PROBLEM,
AMBASSADOR LUCEY MAY DEFER RAISING SUBJECT WITH ROEL,
IF HE HAS NOT RAISED IT YET.

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